

## Trauma Team Activation Criteria

### Step 1. Physiologic Criteria \*

Obtain Vital Signs and Level of Consciousness ASAP

good predictor of severe injury

Systolic BP < 90

Glasgow Coma Scale < 14

Respiratory Rate < 10 & > 29

< 20 infant

Advanced Airway management

Trauma arrest/ERP discretion

\* If "Yes" to any of the above, activate/contact Medical Control.

If "No" go to step 2

### Step 2. Anatomic Criteria\*

May have "normal" VS & GCS but still have sustained severe injuries

All penetrating injuries of head, neck, torso and extremities proximal to knee/elbow

Flail chest

Paralysis

Pelvic fractures/instability

Open or depressed skull fractures

2 or more proximal long-bone fractures

Amputation proximal to wrist/ankle

Crushed, de-gloved or mangled extremity

Major burns

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If "No" go to step 3

### Step 3. Mechanism of Injury Criteria:

Do not always produce severe injury, but certainly CAN so use to CONSIDER\* activation

#### Motor Vehicle Crashes

Ejection

Death of same car occupant

Intrusion > 12 inches

Extrication time > 20 minutes

Auto Vs ped/bicyclist thrown, run over or  
significant impact

Falls > 2X patient height

Hanging

Horse/Animal rollover/ejection

Assault w/changes in LOC

Motorcycle/Snowmobile/ATV\* crash > 20MPH

Multiple patients

\* Contact Medical Control, advise of mechanism for early consideration of activation

**4. Assess Special Patient or Systems Considerations: Comorbidities\***

**May not meet physiologic, anatomic or mechanism criteria but underlying issues create higher RISK for severe injury so use to CONSIDER\* activation**

Adult Age > 55yr

Child Age < 15 yr

Anticoagulation/Bleeding disorders

Dialysis patients

Pregnancy > 20 weeks

Time Sensitive Extremity Injury

EMS/Provider Judgement

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